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## Two Musick, Peeler & Garrett Attorneys Recognized as Leaders Thriving in Their 40s

Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP announced that Partner Erin Donovan and Co-Managing Partner Richard Galofaro have been recognized by *Los Angeles Business Journal* in its special supplement of top professionals in their 40s. "The professionals were chosen based on a demonstration of impact made on the profession and on the Los Angeles community," states the publisher.

Erin Donovan's "principal practice areas include general civil litigation, business litigation, insurance coverage and defense litigation, and probate litigation," states the feature. "She has participated in civil and probate trials, and as lead counsel, has successfully obtained a defense award at arbitration."

"Recently, Donovan successfully resolved two personal injury claims against a wireless network operator and telecommunications company via mediation, one with a summary judgment motion pending in 2024," according to the publisher. "She also resolved two personal injury claims against a wireless network operator and telecommunications company without mediation in 2024 with trial dates pending in 2024." She has also resolved several sexual abuse lawsuits via mediation in 2024 as well as bad faith lawsuit and a trust dispute between family members. She is currently serving her second year as the President of the Irish American Bar Association of Los Angeles.

Richard Galofaro "focuses his practice on estate and gift tax planning for high-net-worth individuals and families, the administration of trusts and estates, and probate matters," states *Los Angeles Business Journal*. "Galofaro has experience structuring and implementing sophisticated transfer tax planning techniques, including sales to defective grantor trusts, grantor retained annuity trusts, and irrevocable life insurance trusts.

"Galofaro also advises clients with respect to business and succession planning, charitable giving, and the establishment and administration of private foundations," the profile continues. "He recently counseled multiple sets of clients regarding the use of their remaining estate/gift tax exemption considering the 2026 tax law changes by which there will be a severe reduction of exemption amount."